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1. IN STORY DATELINED KARACHI, MAR. 12 ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY MALTALBWS (GWU) REPORTS PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS (PIA) INTENDS UTILIZE MAINTENANCE FACILITIES FOR 700 HOUR CHECK, TO BE SET UP AT LUQA AIRPORT, FOR OTHER AIRLINES WHICH IT SUPPORTS IN ADDITION TO AIR MALTA, I.E. JUGOSLOVENSKI AEROTRANSPORT AND TAROM(ROMANIAN).

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2. AS SOON AS MAINTENANCE HANGER AT LUQA IS COMPLETED , PIA

INTENDS TO SEND 35 TECHNICALS AND NECESSARY EQUIPMENT TO MALTA.
SOME 200 MALTESE TECHNICAL SUPPORT STAFF WILL ALSO BE
EMPLOYED DURING FIRST PHASE OF MAINTENANCE OPERATION. THIS
NUMBER TO BE INCREASED BY FUTHER SIXTH IN SECOND PHASE.

3. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, AIRCRAFT FROM YUGOSLAVIA, ROMANIA
AND LIBYA PRESENTLY FLY TO KARACHI TO UNDERGO MAINTENANCE WORK.
ESTABLISHMENT OF MALTA REGIONAL FACILITY WOULD THEREFORE CUT
DOWN MAINTENANCE EXPENSES BY REDUCING DISTANCE.GETZ

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